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THOMAS V. SKINNER, DIRECTOR

December 8, 1999

Ms. Jeanne Griffin
Early Action Project Manager, SE-4J
Brownfield/Early Action Section
US EPA
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Ill 60604

Re: Valspar Paints 081040107

Dear Ms. Griffin:

Per the Government Accounting Office (GAO) Audit Report of December 1998, and your request of June 1999, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has completed a file review for the above mentioned site and has determined that this site should currently remain in CERCLIS, but document that it is presently being addressed under the State's Voluntary Cleanup Program. Illinois intends to periodically evaluate the progress of this site to ensure that cleanup is progressing in a timely manner. At such time the cleanup is complete, we plan to inform you so that Region 5 can assign this site a CERCLA No-Further-action designation.

It is our sincerest hope that this letter will fulfill the GAO audit commitment for this site. If you have any questions or need additional information, please free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas Crause, Manager
Site Assessment Unit
Federal Site Remediation Section
Bureau of Land
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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GAO Survey of NPL-Eligible Sites: U.S. EPA

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Your response within 21 days of receiving this survey will help us avoid costly follow-ups. If the self-addressed business-reply envelope is missing, please return the questionnaire to the following address:

U.S. General Accounting Office
Attn: Vincent Price
441 G Street NW, Room 2T23
Washington, DC 20548

If you have any questions, please call Vince Price at (202) 512-6529.

Thank you for your assistance.

Site name and location:

VALSPAR PAINT
1330 SOUTH KILBOURN
CHICAGO IL 60623

CERCLIS #: ILD081040107 GAO #: 1937-A

1. Please fill out the following in case we need to contact the person completing this survey.

Name: - Jeanne Griffin _____
Phone: (312/886-3007 _____

2. Please answer each question below to determine whether this site should be included in our survey. *(Please circle answers.)*

a. Is site deferred to RCRA or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b. Is site's preliminary Hazardous Ranking System score below 28.5? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Is site now designated as "no further remedial action planned" (NFRAP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

d. Is site now addressed as part of an existing NPL site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

e. Is site proposed for the NPL? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Did you answer "yes" for any item above? *(Check one.)*

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Site name and location:

VAN TRAN TRANSFORMER
1505 VAN TRAN AVE
VANDALIA IL 62471

CERCLIS #: ILD981093628 GAO #: 1998-A

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Name: Jan Pels
312/886-3009
Phone: _____

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